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WE HOPE THAT THIS ANNUAL MAY PROVE AN INSPIRATION TO OUR LOWER CLASSMEN TO LEAD THEM ON TO MAKE A BIGGER AND BETTER MEMORIAE GRATIAE EACH YEAR.

IT IS OUR SINCERE WISH THAT THIS ANNUAL MAY CONTINUALLY SERVE AS A REMINDER TO THE CLASS OF 1940 OF THE HAPPY ASSOCIATIONS IN BROOKNEAL HIGH SCHOOL.

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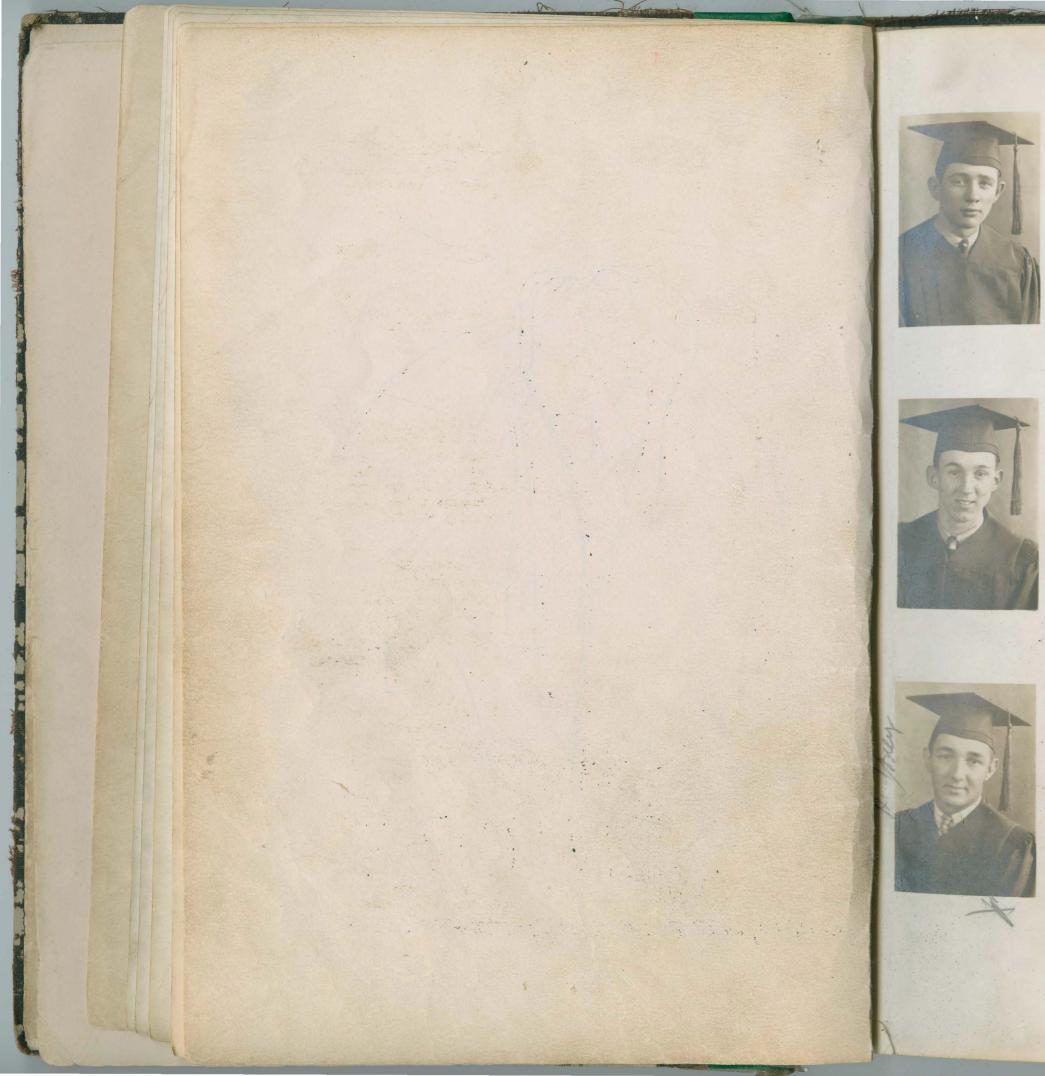
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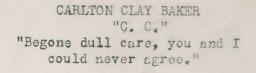
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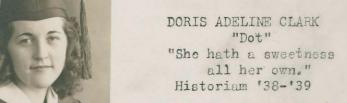
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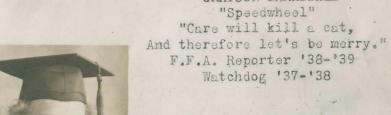


EARTH, WHERE WE SOW AND WHERE WE REAP









FRANCES ALESE FOSTER

"Froggie"

"Never too serious,

Never too frivolous,

But a rare good fellow."

Homo Ec. Club Historian, '38-'39

'39-'40

GRAYSON BARKSDALE

Gleo Club Sec. '39-'40

NELSON DAVIDSON
"Phil"
"I would bather be right
than President."

MARY MILAM FOSTER

"MILAM"

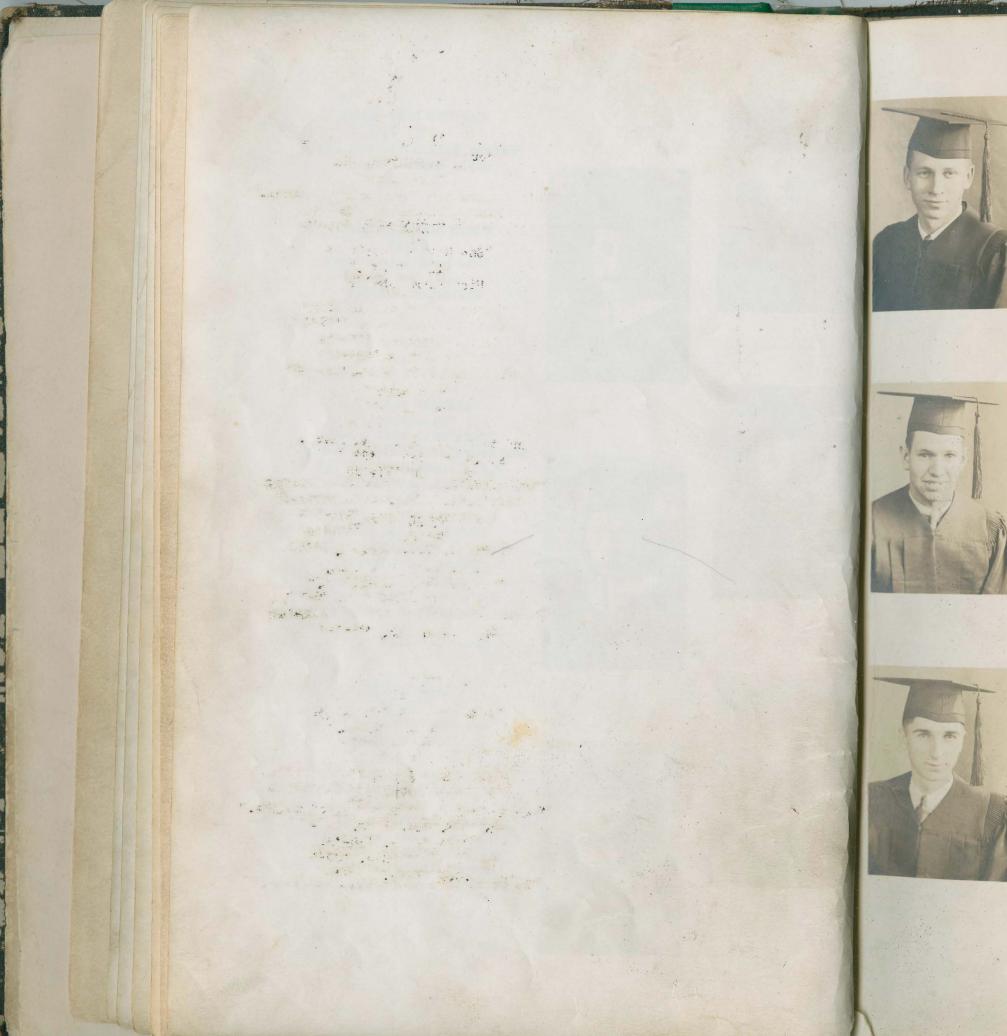
"Her opinion carried a lot of weight."

Home Ec. Club Pres. '39-'40

Jr. Class Pres. '38-'39

Sonior Class Sec. '39-'40

S.C.A. Pres. '39-'40





L. H. FOSTER, JR. "Ferdinand" "He's a gentleman from sole to crown." Football Captain '39-'40 Basketball C.O. Capt. '39-'40

> ANN LOUISE GUTHRIE "Dink" "Merry as the day is long" Homo Ec. Vice Pres. '39-'40 S.C.A. Reporter '39-'40 Cheer Leader '39-'40 Glee Club Vice Pres. '39-'40



ELWOOD HOLT "Butch" "The world's no better if we worry; Life's no longer if we hurry." Basketball Capt. '37-'38 139-140 Football C.O. Capt. '39-'40

GRETCHEN HARPER "Jim" "A true friend is a friend forever."



PAUL J. JOY "Fat" "Happy am I, from care I'm free. Why aren't they all contented like me?" F.F.A. Vice Pres. '39-'40

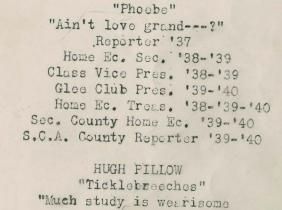
MARY ESTELLE HOLLAND "Little Minnie", "We're born to be happy, all of us."



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JUSTINE HOLT

PARHAM PRICE MARTIN
"Tom"

"A good reputation is
more valuable than money."
Catillion Club Treas. '38-'39
F.F.A. Treas. '38-'39
F.F.A. Prec. '39-40

to the flesh."

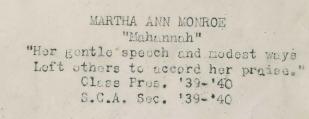
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FRANCES ROSA MASON
"Dick"

"The way to have a friend

is to be one."

LEWIS TALMAGE PILLOW
"Luke"
"Being sall that he is; Being nothing that he isn't."





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WILLARD ANDREW SMITH "Pete" "Oh. why should life all labor be?"

FRANCES MALLICOAT MORRISON "Tootsie" "Though she pursue a scholarly way, Much fun she finds from day to day,"

BRADFORD R. YATES "Nim" "A great man is made up of qualities that meet or make great occasions."

> RACHEL MARIE PILLOW "Rach" "Sho who plants kindness gathers love." Class Treas. 439-40

ESSIE MAY RAMSEY "Shortie" "The mildest manner and the gentlest heart,"

JULDOY CON

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Led Holt, head coach of

. Baker has finally b rk. Remember the old 1d". She is happily r

KATHARINE JEAN ROARK "Tra" "Kat" "Great things come in small packages." Basketball Manager '38-'39-'40 Class Sec. & Tress, '36 '37 '38 '39

VIRGINIA MAE RUDDER "Gin" "Her presence lends its warmth to all who come before it." Basketball Sec. & Tress. '38 '39 '40 Class Historian '39-'40 Home Ec. Reporter '39-'40

## PROPHECY

Excerpts From The Union Star Juno 5. 1950

Mrs. W. H. Elder, formerly Miss Gretchen Harper, graduate of Brookneal High School, was taken to the Virginia Baptist Hospital & st Thursday night suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Dr. Bradford Yates, a former classmate of Mrs. Elder, who has a large practice in New York, flew down in his private plane to perform the operation. His assistant was Miss Justine Holt, also a member of the class of 1940. The operation was very successful.

Friday efternoon Mrs. Elder was visited by Miss Rachel Pillow, who is caring for Willie Jr., and little Gretchen during her neighbors' illness. Miss Pillow, as you may know, is an old maid, but still hopeful.

Mrs. L. H. Foster was visited last week-end by her son L. H. Jr., who is still strug ling through an engineering course at Virginia Tech.

Miss Ann Guthrie gave up her brilliant professional career as a nurse to join Wr. Edward Buckley in the holy ties of matrimony last Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

miss Virginia Mae Rudder, who has just opened a dress shop on main street wishes us to advertise her new line of crepe dresses which are so reasonably priced at \$1.98. Miss Rudder is now residing in the apartment over Mays' Grocery Store which has been her life-long ambition.

We wish to state here that the other day wiss Frances Foster, who is still teaching school at Oak Heights, received a letter from Miss Frances Morrison informing her that sho was in Staunton Insane Asylum--in charge of it.

Mr. Andrew Smiths' jersey cow, Mr. Hugh Pillows' yellow corn and Mr. Lewis Pillows' prized and devoted roster, all won blue ribbons at the state fair last week of which they are justly proud.

Mr. C. C. Baker has finally married his old love of High School days, Miss Doris Clark. Remember the oldsaying, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". She is happily married and well supported.

Mr. Elwood Holt, head coach of the Duke University Basketball Squad took his boys lest week-end to Medison Squere Garden to meet the Columbis tesm.

Mr. Parham Martin has returnedhome for a few days rest from his heavy duties and high life in Washington.

Mr. Paul Joy, who has a partnershipin his Uncles' store at Morris Church, is reported engaged to Evelyn Daniel.

mr. and lars. Albert Jennings and family have moved to Halifax, where Lr. Jennings is engaged in farming. As you probably remember, ars. Jennings was before her marriage, hiss Frances hason.

ir. Nelson Davidson bought a horse last week, and after observing him at work, has decided to enter him in the next Kentucky Derby. The neighbors think this is a good toke on Mr. Davidson because it is the same horse Bradford Yater used to plow the garden.

Miss Essie Ramsey, after an indefinite period of indecision, has at last begun her career as a nurse at Lynchburg Hospital. Miss Mary Wilem Foster recently signed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-

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Mayer. We quote Miss Foster, "I am happy about the whole thing. I hope to follow the lead of Miss Fanny Brice". Unquote, We wish her every success.

Miss Estelle Holland returned yesterday from Richmond, where she has been for several days buying equipment for her new restaurant. Miss Holland's restaurant, which is to be located near South Boston, is to be done in blue and chromium.

Miss Martha Monroe, who has a job as companion to the wealthy Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt, plans to attend the baseball game of July 10, 1950. She seems to be always well supplied with tickets to all the Dodgers games.

Mr. Grayson Barksdale was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers as a second baseman. Grayson's first game of the season will be played in the Yankee Stadium on July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Roark wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katharine Jean, to Mr. C. C. Scott, Jr., The wedding will take place on June 16, at the Brooknes1 Baptist Church.

## HISTORY OF SENIOR CLASS

Our senior class was started by three of its present members, Virginia Mae Rudder, L. H. Foster, Jr., and Bradford Yates. The first grade was taught by Miss Mary Herndon.

In the second grade four new members joined the class; namely, Mary Milam Foster, Estelle Holland, Grayson Barksdale, and Rachel Pillow. Miss Herndon was also our second grade teacher.

Three more members joined us in the third grade; Justine Holt, Hugh Pillow, and Parham Martin. Katherine Roark and Martha Monroe joined us in the fourth grade. We made considerable progress under the capable leadership of Mrs. Pearl Foster in the third andfourth grades.

Nelson Davidson, Lewis Pillow, Frances Morrison, and Elwood Holt entered our class in the fifth grade. Miss Arline Williams was our teacher.

Miss Altha Arthur was the teacher in the sixth grade. None of our present members joined us there.

In the seventh grade, Miss Virginia Wiley was our teacher. Doris Clark and Frances Mason entered our class that year. The sixth and seventh grades gave a "minstrel" which proved quite a success. The proceeds were used to purchase library books for these two grades.

In September, 1936, twenty four of our present members entered into high school as freshmen. The new members were: C. C. Baker, Paul Joy, Andrew Smith, Frances Foster, Ann Guthrie, and Gretchen Harper. As all the aid of our teachers, Miss Mary Grey Soars, Miss Julia Asher, Miss Largaret Tate, and Mr. R. E. McDermott, we became accustomed to the with Miss Louise Henderson as girls coach and Mr. R. E. McDermott as boys coach. The school year passed quickly and we left Brookneal High School for a much desired vacation.

In the following fell, with the same number in our present class,

we returned as sophomores. Now, having learned with ups anddowns the duties of high school students, we know what to expect. Our teachers were: Miss Dorothy Brooks, Miss Helen Falls, Mr. R. E. McDermott, Miss Virginia Wine and Mr. J. J. Riegel. We arganized the class with the following officers: President -- Edythe Booker, Vice President -- Parham Martin, Secretary and Treasurer -- Katherine Roark.

In the Junior year we had the same faculty with the exception of the agriculture teacher. Mr. L. N. Garrette took the place of Mr. J. J. Riegel. The class officers were: President-- Mary Milau Foster, Vice President-- Justine Holt, Secretary and Treasurer-- Katherine Roark,

Historian -- Doris Clark.

Two dances were given during the year by the Catillion Club. The girls' and boys' basketball teams under the capable leadership of Miss Dorothy Brooks and Mr. R. E. McDermott has a very successful year.

Well-- here we are at last-- dignified Seniors of B. H. S. The officers were elected as follows: President-- Martha Monroe, Vice President-- Parham Martin, Secretary-- Mary Milam Foster, Treasurer--Rachel Pillow, Historian--Virginia Mae Rudder, Class Sponsor-- Miss Dorothy Brooks.

Our teachers were: Miss Dorothy Brooks, Miss Louise DeJarnette, Miss Edna Mae Wooding, Mr. J. R. Caldwell, Jr., and Mr. C. M. Tomko.

The Senior Play, "When Man Plays Maiden", directed by Miss Dorothy Brooks, was given April 12, and repeated on April 25. This proved quite a success.

The Baccalaureste Sermon was delivered by Rev. R. S. Booker, pastor of Brocknesl Baptist Church on June 2.

On Class Night, the Presidents address was given by Martha Monroe, History of the Class by Virginia Mae Rudder, Last Will and Testament by Justine Holt, Class Prophecy by Katherine Roark, Giftorian by Bradford Yates, Impersonations by Frances Foster and Elwood Holt.

As juest speaker for Commencement Exercise we were exceedingly fortunate in having Dr. E. L. Fox, head of the History Department at Randolph-Macon College, and President of the Virginia Branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The Valedictory was deliveredby Mary Milam Foster; the Salutatory by Doris Clark.

We hope and feel certain that the Senior Class of 1940 will "Make History" in the future even more so than it has done in the past.

#### LAST WILL AND TESTALENT

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1940 of Brookneal High School . being of sound mind and judgment, and having reached an age where we are soon to pass on to higher realms, do hereby make and declare this to be the last will and testament of our class. This valuable document, duly executed and signed, is as follows:

To our beloved teachers, iss Brooks, Mr. Tomco, Mr. Caldwell, miss DeJarnette, and liss Wooding, we bequeath our lasting affection and thanks for the capable manner in which they have directed us through high school. We also grant them a goodly share of the honors we shall win in the coming years, since we feel that they will be largely responsible for our coming successes.

To our successors, the Juniors, we bequeath the privilege to shine as models of wisdom and ood beharior.

To various individuals we make these important and generous personal gifts, trusting that they may be duly ap reciated:

To Dou, las marshall, we bequeath C. C. Bakers' hat which we think will be a great sacrifice on the part of C. C.

To Doris Smith, we bequeath Doris Clarks' ability to be quiet all the time. Please heed this request, Doris Smith.

To Richard Foster, we bequeath Grayson Barksdale' power to please the pirls.

To Geraldine Roach, we bequeath Frances Fosters' love for Latin. To "Ike" Roark, we bequeath Nelson Davidsons' honor as champion speller.

To Mary Henderson, we bequeath Mary milam Fosters' ability to get high grades.

To Bruce Owen, we bequeath L. H. Fosters' reputation as the school

To Barbara Owen, we bequeath Ann Cuthries' ability to keep the boys

To "Winnie" Lash, we bequeath Elwood Holts' ability to brag on how

many basketball goals he will make in the next came. To Orena Joy, we bequeath Grethen harpers' ability to bake ap etizing dishes in order to catch a husband.

To "Budeie" Yates, we bequeath Paul Joys' secret of keeping slim. To Nancy Wright we bequeath Estelle Hollands' title as the "best

seamstress" of Brookneal Home Economics Department. To Royal Elder we bequeath Farham Lartins' fluency in writing let-

ters to the girls.

To mildred Foster we bequeath Justine Holts' ability to change the In lish and History classes into a "Romeo and Juliet" scene.

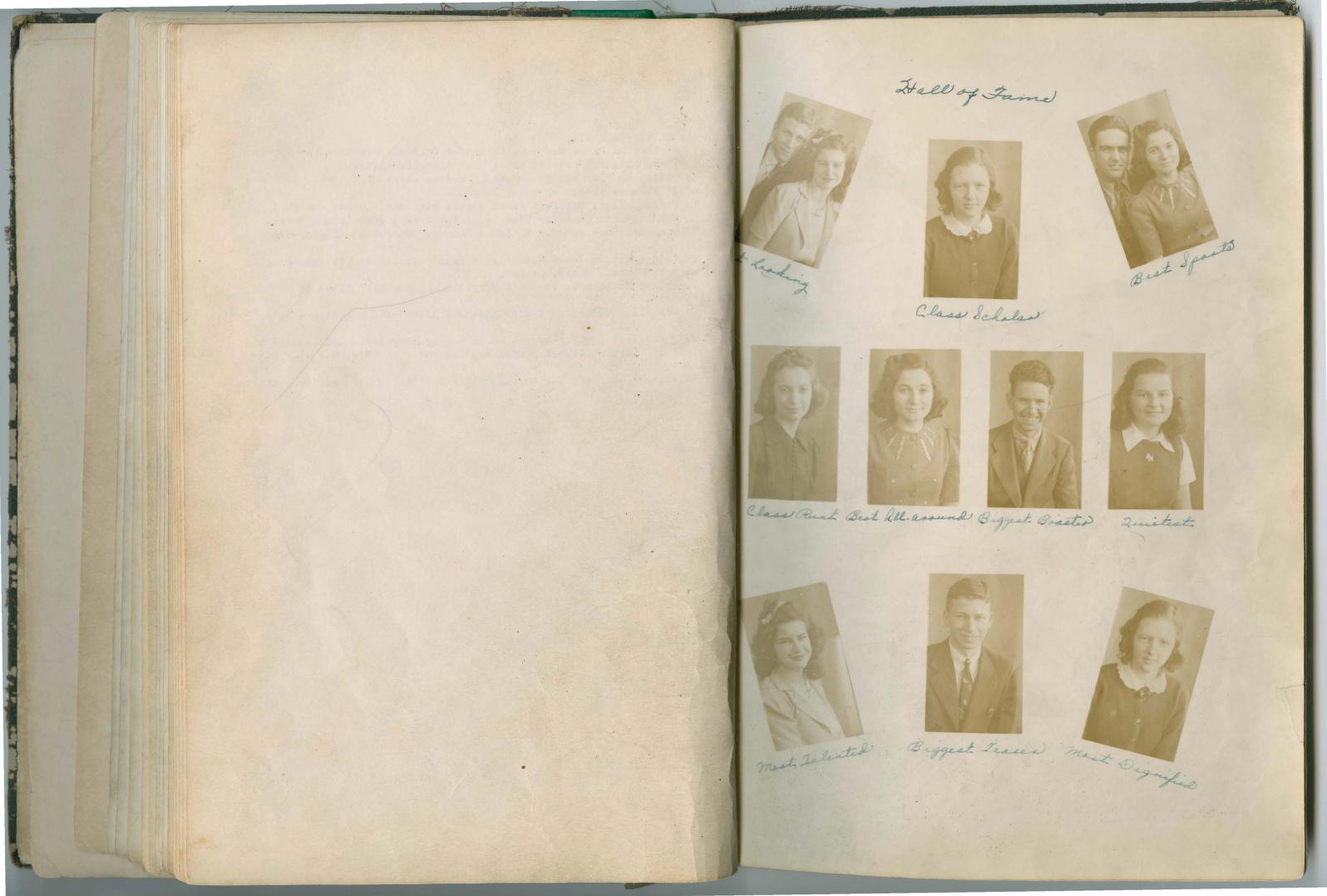
To Kenneth Holt, we bequeath Hugh Pillows' ability to turn out two mustaches during his senior year.

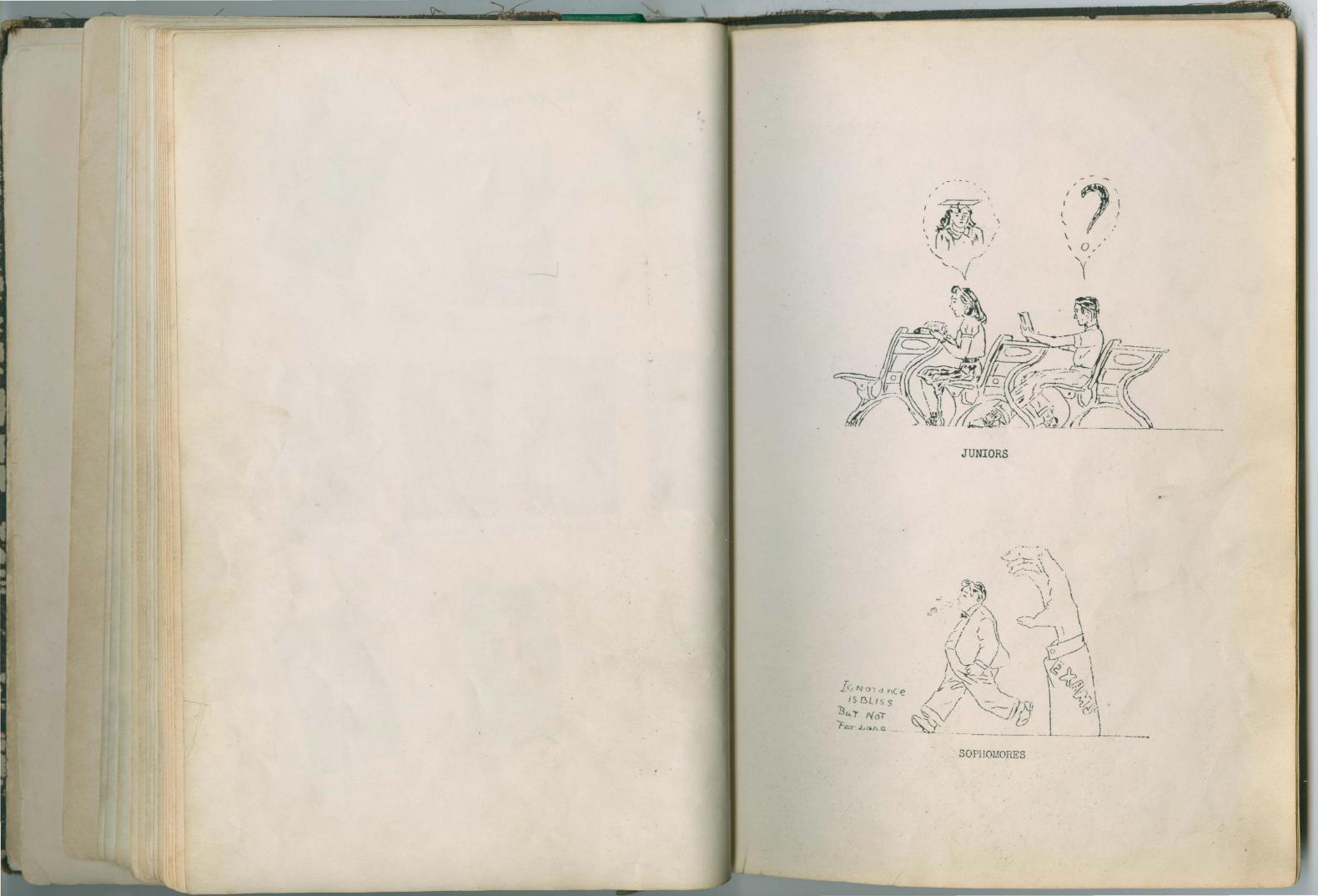
To Gladys mason we bequeath Frances masons' fondness for the boys from Clarkton.

To Carey Clowdis we bequeath Lewis Pillows' ambition of becoming Ambassador to France.

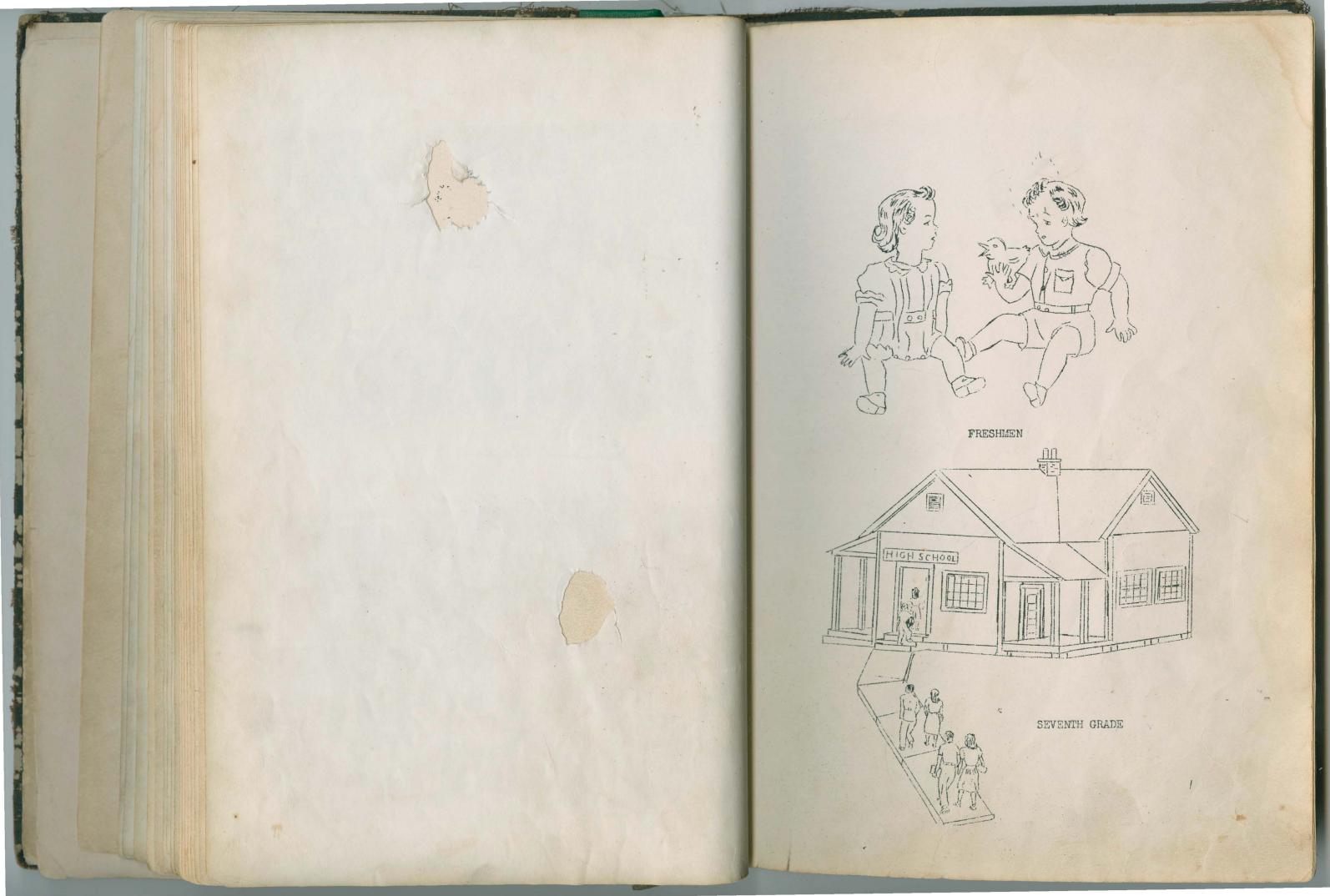
To Rachel Barlow we bequeuth martha lonroes' desire to be a journa-

list for Walter Winchell. To Berkley Williams we becuesth Andrew Smiths' quietness, so that you, Berkley, will not have to think your thoughts aloud. To Christine Fleshman we bequeath Frances Morrisons' tears which are shed while Frances is having a big laugh. To James Bailey, Bradford Yates leaves his intelligence, so that James may sit on his geometry book in classand read Jack London Books. To Rosa Mae Tuck webequeath Essie Ramseys' secret in keeping short in statue. To Lois Mutterwe leave Katherine Roarks' ability to get something to eat, no matter when, where, or how; To Arlene Stevens we bequeath Virginia Mae Rudders' title as the To Nora Lee Holland we bestow Rachel Pillows' sunny smile --- it won't With our last parting breath we do hereby constitute and appoint the principal of afore mentioned school sole executor of this, our will and testament. In witness whereof; we, representatives of the class of 1940, attach our signatures.





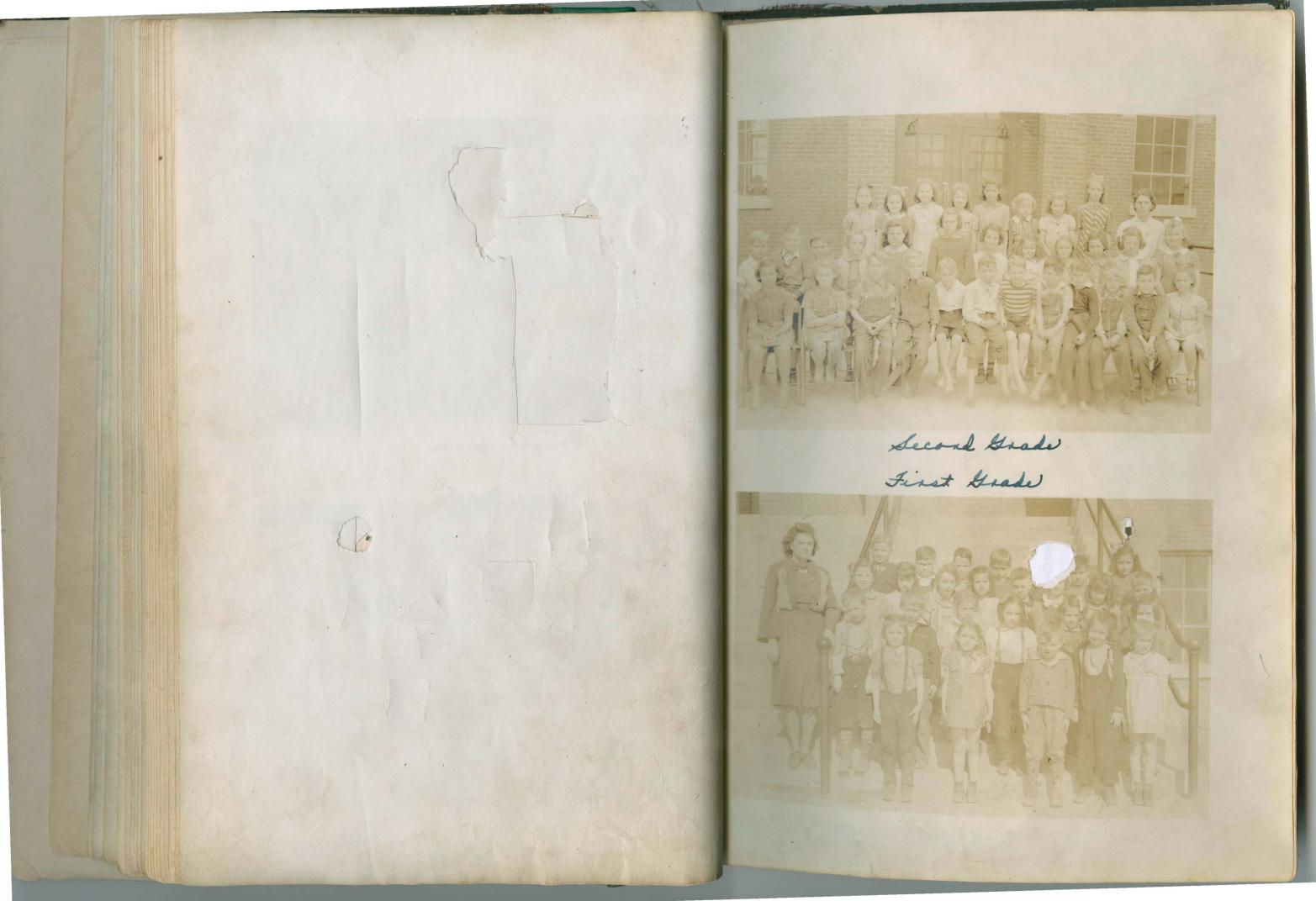


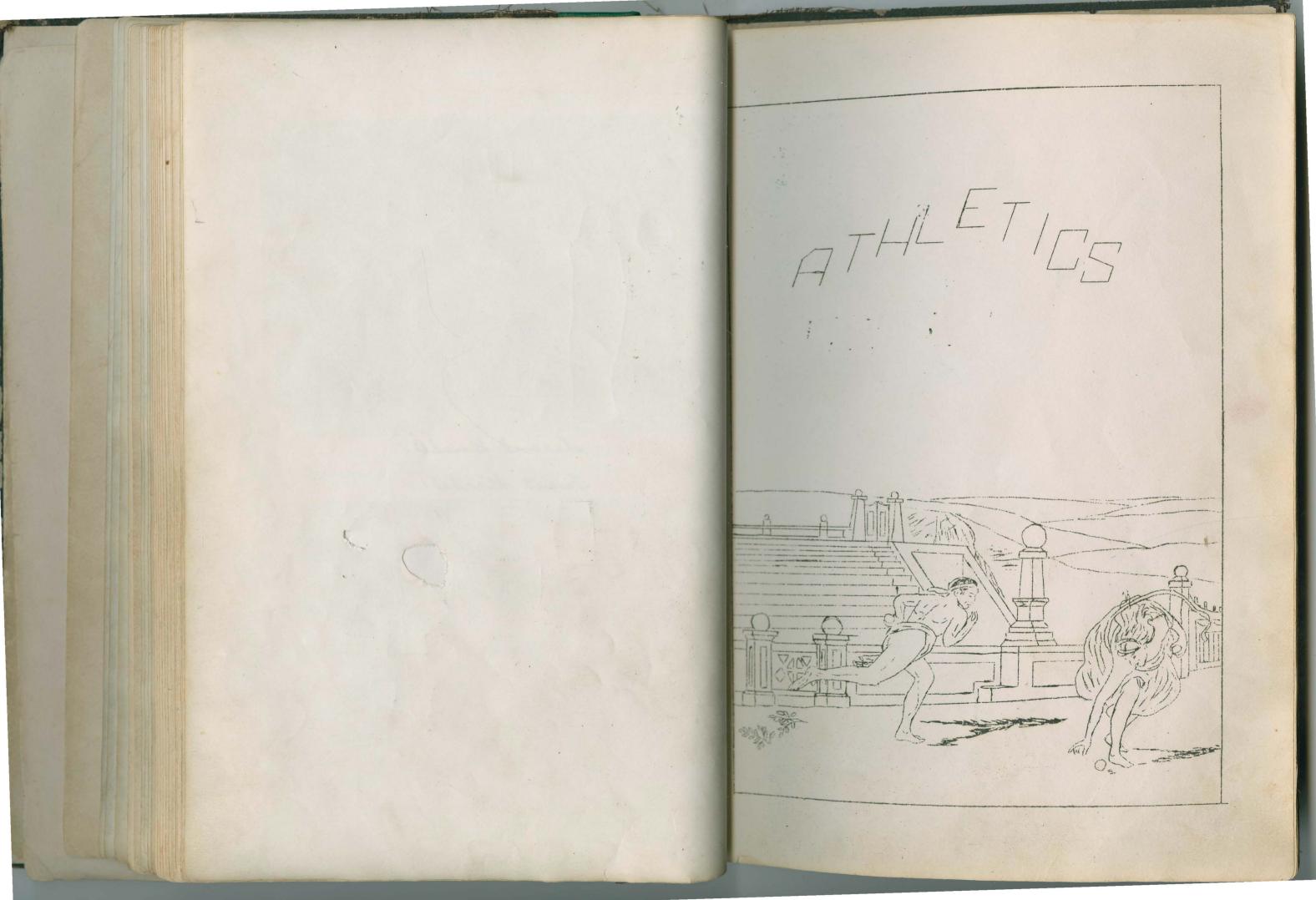


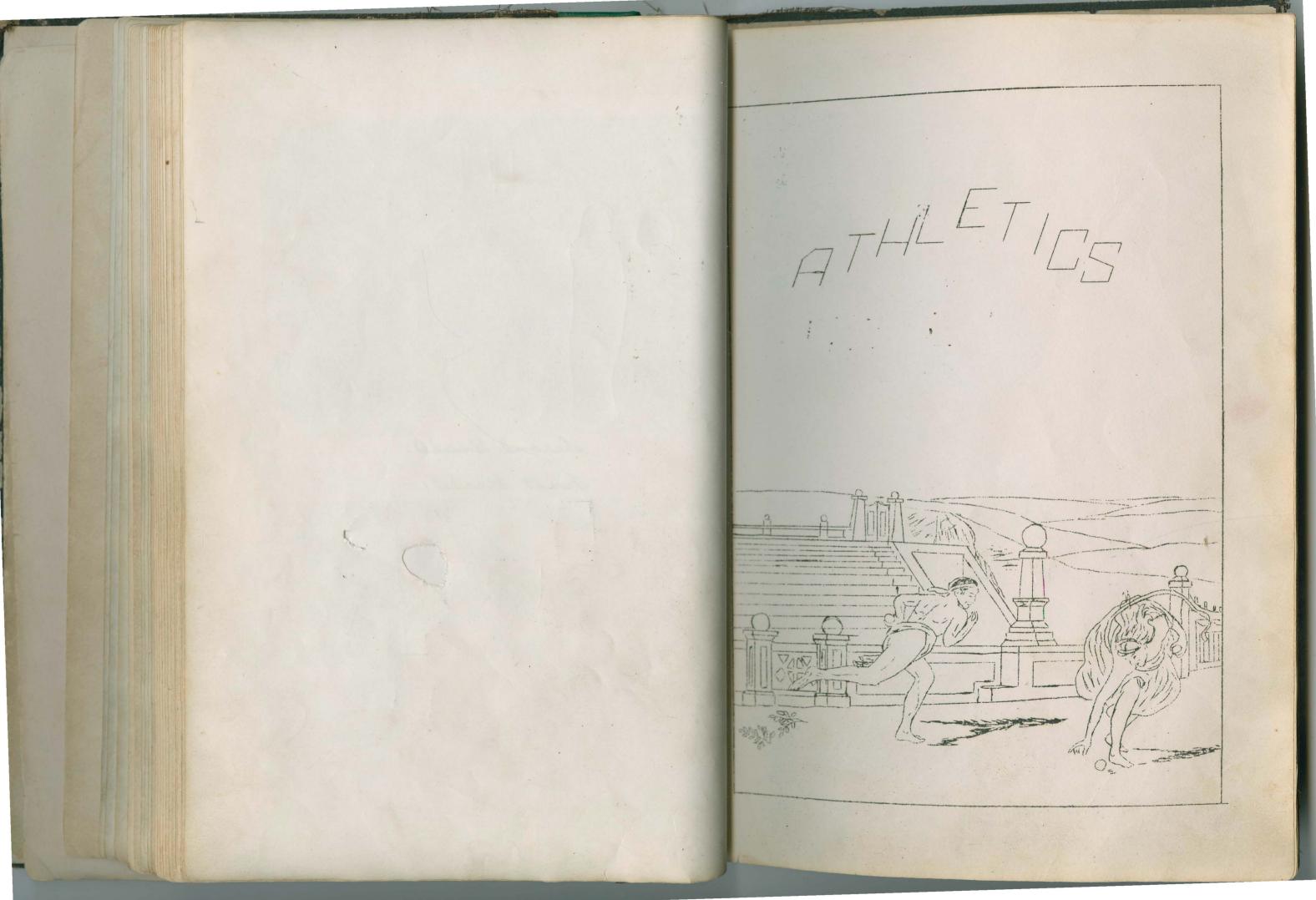


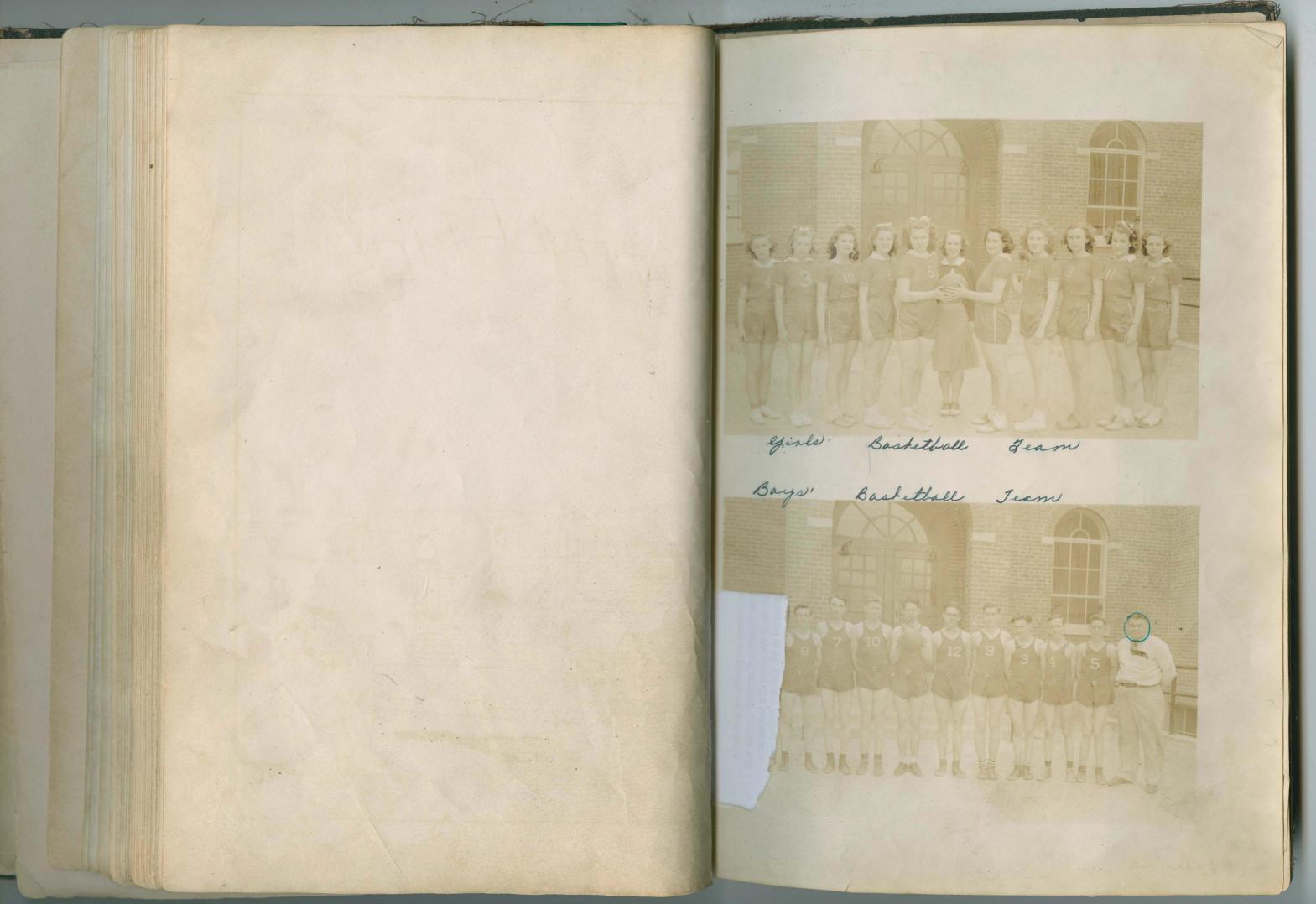






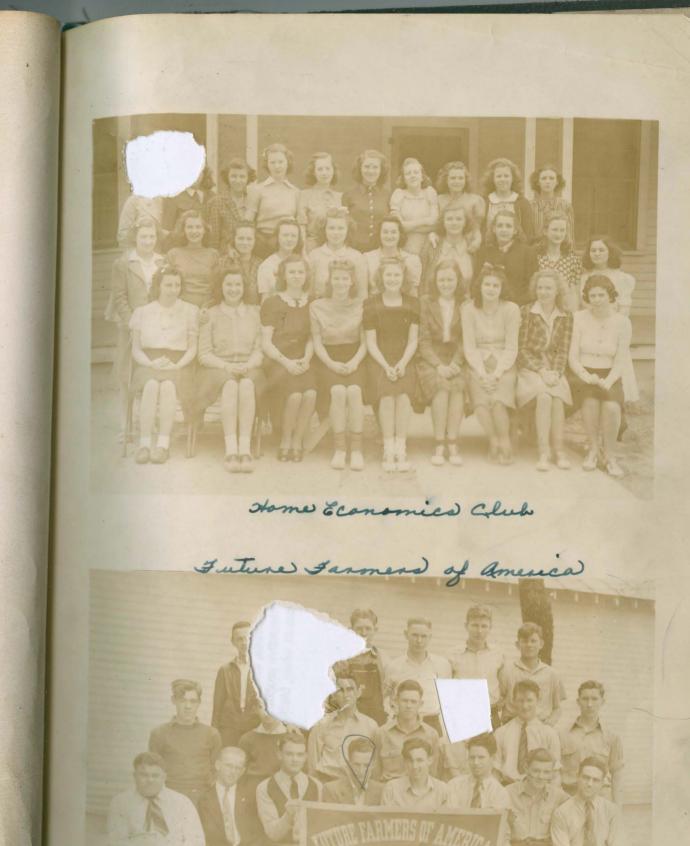














# STUDENT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Mary Milam Foster Bradford Yates Martha Monroe Grayson Barksdale Ann Guthrie

## Grade Officers

President Vice President Secretary & Treasurer Reporter

Pat Williams
Betty Yates
Betty Jane Owen
Jean White

The purpose of the S. C. A. is to encourage and give an opportunity for teachers and students cooperation in school activities. In order to better fulfill these objectives our Brookneal S. C. A. has been organized into two groups--High School and Grade S. C. A.

Some of the outstanding committees are program, building and grounds, health and safety, church and welfare, and athletic.

The building and grounds committee especially assisted by members of the third and fourth grades, have attempted to keep halls and grounds clean, free of paper. The building and grounds committee has also taken an interest in planting and fertilizing plants and shrubbery to beautify the grounds.

Safety partols have been organized.

Church and Welfare committee has encouraged church attendanceand has cooperated with the local churches in distributing literature to those not attending any church.

The S. C. A. has cooperated with the Parent-Teachers association in its programs for raising funds.

The S. C. A. has sold athletics tickets and by this and other means provided necessary play ground equipment and other equipment, including baseball suits for the boys, girls basket ball suits and boys shirts. It has made it possible for the school to award letters to outstanding athletes. It has also supplied a medicine cabinet with much needed supplies of bandages and other simple medicines.

One of the S. C. A'S biggest contributions has been to encourage school spirit and to afford opportunities for student development in leadership.

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